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U.S. PULSE IMPORTS DECLINE

U.S. pulse imports have declined from an average of nearly 20,000 metric tons (450,000 bags) annually prior to World War II, to only 7,500 tons currently. Many of these small imports are in specialty kinds of pulses. For example, the bulk of the bean imports from Peru and Thailand are mung beans. Imports from Malagasy are large lima beans, and dry pea imports from the Dominican Republic undoubtedly are pigeon peas used for feeding purposes.

These specialty pulses constitute the largest of U.S. import shipments. Common beans and peas are imported from many sources, but usually in small quantities and in years of relative U.S. pulse scarcity and high prices. Limited imports of garbanzos continue, principally from Mexico and Portugal, but imports of lentils have almost ceased

DRY PULSES: U.S. imports of dry beans, peas, lentils, and garbanzos, 5-year averages 1920-24 to 1955-59, marketing years 1960-61 to 1963-64

Year ^{1/}	Beans	Peas	Lentils	Garbanzos
	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons
1920-24	45,541	--	--	--
1925-29	56,881	^{2/} 16,330	--	--
1930-34	21,501	8,891	--	--
1935-39	11,264	1,397	^{3/} 3,865	^{4/} 2,264
1940-44	3,547	1,334	3,828	19,777
1945-49	10,215	998	3,048	3,166
1950-54	6,387	1,325	2,413	4,436
1955-59	4,893	2,469	1,048	3,575
1960-61	5,353	1,109	152	2,785
1961-62	2,910	1,212	72	3,349
1962-63	2,144	1,489	53	3,765
1963-64	3,133	1,151	68	3,568

^{1/} Calendar year through 1954, marketing year beginning with 1955-56.

^{2/} Two-year average. ^{3/} Included with peas prior to 1935. ^{4/} Included with beans prior to 1935.

DRY BEANS: U.S. imports, 1955-59 average, 1960-61 to 1963-64 marketing years

Country of origin	Average 1955-59	Marketing years			
		1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64
	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons
North America:					
Canada	460	82	69	2	2
Cuba	6	3	4	--	--
Dominican Republic	41	1	--	1	12
Guatemala	--	--	--	--	12
Mexico	39	11	20	23	30
Total	546	97	93	26	56
South America:					
Argentina	98	255	--	70	90
Chile	1,803	443	87	--	370
Peru	860	160	455	1,057	1,328
Uruguay	--	50	--	--	--
Total	2,761	908	542	1,127	1,788
Europe:					
Azores	124	89	102	105	101
Belgium	8	152	220	326	254
Bulgaria	168	--	--	--	--
Czechoslovakia	9	--	--	--	--
France	1	2	38	2	5
Germany, West	12	--	--	4	9
Greece	5	3	3	--	--
Italy	417	714	146	37	84
Netherlands	119	51	43	43	40
Portugal	112	132	255	191	256
Turkey	1	2	--	1	3
United Kingdom	1	2	1	9	8
Total	977	1,147	808	718	760
Asia:					
India	--	--	--	4	7
Iran	6	--	--	--	--
Iraq	66	--	--	--	--
Japan	94	106	152	115	159
Korea	--	--	6	14	--
Lebanon	4	8	9	11	15
Syria	--	2	1	4	--
Thailand	190	22	943	41	39
Others	10	--	3	--	--
Total	370	138	1,114	189	220
Africa:					
Angola	--	20	2	3	15
British East Africa	34	57	149	8	7
Ethiopia	187	--	1	1	2
Malagasy	--	2,949	85	--	60
Morocco	3	9	--	2	--
Rhodesia and Nyasaland ...	--	3	3	9	1
South Africa, Republic ...	--	25	--	--	40
Tanganyika	--	--	--	--	106
Others	6	--	2	--	--
Total	230	3,063	242	23	231
Oceania:					
Australia	9	--	--	--	--
New Zealand	--	--	111	61	78
Total	9	--	111	61	78
Grand total	4,893	5,353	2,910	2,144	3,133

DRY PEAS: U.S. imports, 1955-59 average, 1960-61 to 1963-64 marketing years

Country of origin	Average 1955-59	Marketing years			
		1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64
	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons
North America:					
Canada	212	312	107	42	37
Cuba	18	--	--	--	--
Dominican Republic	556	373	395	500	238
Mexico	103	--	--	--	--
Total	889	685	502	542	275
South America:					
Argentina	56	--	--	--	50
Peru	120	64	129	192	87
Total	176	64	129	192	137
Europe:					
Belgium	210	--	--	--	--
Denmark	17	15	19	--	--
Hungary	1	--	5	20	--
Netherlands	646	13	15	3	7
Portugal	35	30	--	--	--
Sweden	29	1	--	--	--
Switzerland	1	--	42	4	--
United Kingdom	44	2	22	1	27
Total	983	61	103	28	34
Asia:					
India	--	1	2	2	2
Japan	1	--	--	--	--
Total	1	1	2	2	2
Africa:					
British East Africa	--	60	94	164	69
Kenya	--	--	--	--	60
Ethiopia	--	--	--	1	--
Morocco	3	--	--	--	--
Mozambique	--	--	--	--	5
Rhodesia and Nyasaland ...	19	112	67	45	95
South Africa, Republic ...	--	7	--	--	41
Tanganyika	--	--	--	--	27
Others	--	1	1	--	--
Total	22	180	162	210	297
Oceania:					
Australia	13	--	--	56	--
New Zealand	385	118	314	459	406
Total	398	118	314	515	406
Grand total	2,469	1,109	1,212	1,489	1,151

LENTILS: U.S. imports, 1955-59 average, 1960-61 to 1963-64 marketing years

Country of origin	Average 1955-59	Marketing years			
		1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64
	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons
North America:					
Canada	1	--	--	--	--
Mexico	10	--	--	--	--
Total	11	--	--	--	--
South America:					
Argentina	73	--	--	--	--
Chile	792	--	--	--	--
Peru	8	--	--	--	--
Total	873	--	--	--	--
Europe:					
France	1	--	--	--	--
Greece	12	--	--	--	--
Italy	14	25	36	10	5
Portugal	--	10	--	--	--
Spain	59	81	10	6	30
Turkey	3	5	--	4	13
United Kingdom	17	29	15	19	18
Total	106	150	61	39	66
Other countries:					
Algeria	39	--	--	--	--
Ethiopia	--	--	2	5	--
India	1	--	--	2	--
Lebanon	19	2	3	--	1
Syria	1	--	6	7	1
Total	60	2	11	14	2
Grand total	1,050	152	72	53	68

GARBANZOS: U.S. imports, 1955-59 average, 1960-61 to 1963-64 marketing years

Country of origin	Average 1955-59	Marketing years			
		1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64
	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons
North America:					
Cuba	41	--	--	--	--
Dominican Republic	--	--	10	11	--
Mexico	1,405	951	1,139	829	959
Total	1,446	951	1,149	840	959
South America:					
Chile	17	11	80	--	12
Peru	--	--	86	--	--
Total	17	11	166	--	12
Europe:					
Greece	25	--	--	--	--
Italy	109	30	--	--	7
Portugal	1,367	1,089	1,575	2,170	1,868
Spain	2	10	--	1	104
Turkey	--	--	5	2	--
United Kingdom	--	--	2	--	--
Total	1,503	1,129	1,582	2,173	1,979
Other countries:					
Algeria	5	--	--	--	--
India	--	--	--	--	1
Kenya	--	--	--	--	1
Morocco	589	693	440	752	616
Rhodesia and Nyasaland ...	--	--	14	--	--
Syria	14	--	--	--	--
Others	1	1	--	--	--
Total	609	694	454	752	618
Grand total	3,575	2,785	3,351	3,765	3,568

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